The Census 2001 figures reveal that the child sex ration for the age group of 0-6 years is comparatively lower in Punjab (798), Haryana (819), Chandigarh (845), Delhi (868), Gujarat (883), Himachal Pradesh (896) and Rajasthan (909) as compared to the national average of 927 girls per thousand boys.

Though there is no established casual relationship between adverse sex ratio and spurt in cases of sex related crimes, this could be one of the factors resulting in some forms of violence against women.

Issue of substitute medicines by CGHS dispensary

2080. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines prescribed by the Specialists and Government Hospitals with remarks on the prescription - no substitute to the beneficiaries are being issued alternative medicines by the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Dispensaries, particularly Aram Bagh, Chitra Gupta Road, Sector - 12, R.K. Puram dispensaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is permitted under rules;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action taken against the doctors of the dispensaries who have issued substitute medicines to the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) As a matter of policy, on prescription specialists, the CGHS dispensaries are required to supply to beneficiaries, as far as possible, medicines of same formulation and therapeutic valve available with them and is not treated as "substitute". If such medicines are not available then only these are indented for procurement from Authorised Local Chemist or through the Medical Store Depot.

Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine

2081. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of anti-rabies vaccine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that production of anti-rabies vaccine by PSUs was suspended by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI);

(c) whether after the stoppage of production by the PSUs, the private pharmaceutical

companies who manufacture and market the anti-rabies vaccine have increased the prices; and

(d) what action is being taken by Government to restart the production of anti-rabies vaccine by PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Anti-rabies vaccines are available in sufficient quantities in the country.

(b) Yes. The manufacturing licenses of the three Public Sector vaccines institutes which are under the administrative control of the Ministry were suspended by Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) in January, 2008 since they were not found in compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) as provided under Schedule M of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. However, only Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor was producing anti rabies vaccine.

(c) No, since the installed capacity of Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor was only 5 lakh doses annually (1.76% of the total installed capacity) with production of only 3 lakh doses (2.3% of the total production) in 2007-2008, rise in market price of vaccine can not be attributed to the closure of this unit.

(d) Government has decided to revive the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor. The license of this unit can be revived and production of vaccine can be restarted after compliance with GMP requirement.

Grants made by CCRYN

2082. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the grantee institutions, under the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) since 2005 stating names of their CEOs, treating doctors and grants being given to them since 2005;

(b) the reasons for giving them grant for purchase of equipments every year;

(c) whether these grants were approved by the Governing Body of CCRYN; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) The information is given at Statement I, II and III (*See* below), and Annexure No 8. [*See* Appendix 228 Annexure No 8]

(b) Grants for purchase of equipment are given every year since 2009 to upgrade and to replace old and obsolete hydrotherapy and other equipments.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.